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Congressman William Delahunt 1317 Longworth House Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Delahunt,

As a World War II Combat Marine Corps Veteran, I participated in the Iwo Jima Campaign from February 19, 1945 through March 20, 1945. I was one of the more fortunate Marines of that Campaign to walk off that island on my own power.

Last September, 2002, I applied for Veterans prescription benefits and was informed it would probably be two years before any such benefits would become available to me because of budget and staff restraints. I am now 78 years old and taking several prescription medications. As I am now on a fixed and limited income, any such help from the V.A. would be of a great help to me.

It is a shame that all veterans from World War II through the Gulf War etc. are put on hold while the powers to be are looking forward to aiding the Iraqi bureaucrats when this present war ends.

This is an insult to all of us Veterans who served our country in times of need!

Your help in obtaining additional funding for the Veterans would be most welcomed and appreciated. Please help!!!

The enclosed article says a lot on how our Veterans are neglected.

Thank you and best wishes for your continued caring and dedicated representation.

